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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology WELLAND CAMPUS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Urgently need blood, seek student support

By MARGARET BOYD

If you want to do something humanitarian this Thanksgiving season, come out and donate blood Oct. 12 in front of the library.

The Red Cross blood donor clinic this term is an emergency clinic because "blood supply is very low," Marjorie Frith, clinic organizer, said. "A quota of 350 donors, if possible, is needed for hospitals in the Niagara peninsula."

The clinic was "slated for Inco" in Port Colborne but due to uncertainty about possible strikes, it was changed to Niagara College.

It was necessary to set a positive date for the clinic, Mrs. Frith said. Immediately after Thanksgiving is a critical time for blood supplies because of the many accidents over the holidays, she said.

The clinic — this is the ninth held at the college — will be open from 10 to 12 noon and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For the past two years college classes have competed for the "Corpsuckle Cup," awarded to the class with the highest percentage of blood donors. It was invented by Eugene Maltais, liberal arts instructor, to promote student participation.

Law and Security classes have claimed the trophy twice. Last term they tied with first-year health records students to win with an 80 per cent turnout. Two classes competed for the trophy the first year it was offered; last term seven classes were in competition, Mr. Maltais said. He hopes there will be even more this term.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said, "I personally think it is something students and staff should get behind." Donating blood is a worthwhile project and there is personal satisfaction gained from helping others.

LOW PERCENTAGE

The percentage of student blood donors dropped to an all-time low of five per cent last term.

"Niagara College has a pretty poor show," Mr. Maltais said, considering the youth, health, and idealism of college students. Only 125 pints of blood were donated out of 2,422 students.

Canadian blood donations are on a volunteer basis only; this enables hospitals to provide transfusions free to patients.

It is important to eat breakfast on the day blood is donated, the Red Cross advises. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 65 can donate if in good health. The Red Cross test the blood of prospective donors before allowing them to donate. Trained staff are on hand to make sure the clinic runs smoothly.

Willingness to donate blood counts as a donation for the Corpsuckle Cup.

Doughnuts, coffee, and fruit juice are supplied to revitalize donors.

MARGARET KENNY

Horticulture student pageant runner-up

By PETER EPP

A 20-year-old horticulture student found that being crowned queen wasn't as "remote" a chance as she thought when she became first runner-up at the Grape and Wine Festival coronation held Sept. 23.

Margaret Kenny, first student ever to represent Niagara College in the annual contest, said the idea of winning was very remote. "I never thought about being queen."

Christine Stevens, Miss Greek Community, was crowned 1978 Grape Queen.

Wearing a light blue gown, the blonde student received overwhelming applause from the crowded Bill Burgoyne Arena when Frank Proctor, disc jockey at CKTB and master of ceremonies for the evening, read her name from the envelope.

The idea to enter Margaret in the contest was Peter Thompstone's, landscape, floral and contruction design teacher in the horticulture division.

Mr. Thompstone thought it would be a good idea for promoting the horticulture division's 10th anniversary.

He said the contest was "not just a meat rack," but rather the 34 contestants were mostly judged on personality and ability to speak in public.

Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator for the horicultural division, said he was "particularly pleased" with the results of the contest.

Margaret was scheduled to appear at the Grape and Wine Festival parade last Saturday in a Cadillac convertible decorated with fresh flowers.

Union votes on contract

Ontario community college faculty voted Thursday on a contract agreement between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) and the Council of Regents.

Results were not available at press time.

Niagara College faculty voted at four different locations and an advance poll was held in Hennepin Hall Sept. 27.

The two-year tentative agreement includes a six per cent salary increase for 1977/78 and a 5.48 per cent increase not counting increments for 1978/79.

Annual increments will go up from $775 in 1977, to $862 for 1978. They are retroactive.

Part-time teachers will receive a $1 per hour increase retroactive to Jan. 1.

If ratified, the new contract will have two workload options. Each union local will decide by Oct. 6 whether it wants "the weekly rolling average maximums remaining at 19 and 21 hours" or the establishment of "absolute weekly maximums" of 20 and 22 hours.

The new contract offers the same sick leave benefits, with the establishment of a joint union-management committee to study the situation. There will be no change in the holiday and vacation articles.

Instalment fee aims to bring consistency

Students paying their tuition in two instalments were surprised to find they had to pay an extra $10, but the policy was initiated to "tie us in with other colleges," says John Parrett, registrar.

The issue was discussed at the first President's Student Advisory Committee meeting and Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said the students "expressed concern over the change."

"A lot of students who cannot afford full tuition are being hit with an additional fee in January," Gary Gizzie, Student Administrative Council vice-president for athletics, said. "If they cannot afford full tuition in September, they probably can't afford the extra $10."

It is "common practice" among community colleges in Ontario, Mr. Parrett said and of 22 colleges, approximately 14 use this policy.

Some students may want the extra tuition money to cover expenses over the first term, while they are waiting for government loans or grants, Gary said.

The management committee decided to make this change and it may "encourage people to pay all their fees at the beginning of the year," Mr. Parrett said.

Miss Robarts said she has "a lot of sympathy towards the students," but will talk to the college treasurer before making any comment.

"The college could get around it," Mr. Parrett said, but it "may create more of a commitment" for the year from the students.

Even though this change had an affect on the bookwork for the administration, "this certainly wasn't the intention" of initiating the policy.

Jackie, John weigh in early

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, and I. J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, have already jumped the gun for the Pounds for Canada Contest. Miss Robarts weighed in Sept. 26, and Mr. Giancarlo Sept. 25.

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College hotel school could be shut down

A proposed $20 million hotel institute could put Niagara's hotel school out of business.

The institute was suggested by the ministry of industry and tourism by a group of businessmen who claimed there were not enough kinds of people trained by community colleges.

Niagara College's board of governors is taking steps to protest the creation of the institute.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said she hopes Premier Davis will support the new school. She thinks his commitment to the college system will prevent the school from being instituted.

Miss Robarts said the businessmen's group did not approach the community colleges with its problem. She said they want more people trained in the service aspect of hotel operations, such as cooks, bartenders and waitresses. Niagara's hotel school trains people for middle management positions of a hotel.

Miss Robarts said the proposed new school is "very alive." "It's still a possibility," she said. "We have to wait for the bureaucrats."

BETTE FERGUSON

Woman counsellor named women's adviser to pres.

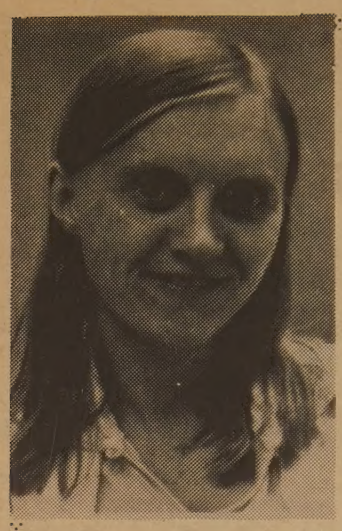
Bette Ferguson, only woman counsellor on the main campus, is the new women's adviser to the president. Mrs. Ferguson replaces Gail Hilyer, applied arts continuing education chairperson. The appointment was made by Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president.

Mrs. Ferguson will split her job between being women's adviser to the president, women's studies co-ordinator and some counselling. A part-time substitute counsellor will take over some of the duties Mrs. Ferguson was responsible for before being appointed.

"I think Mrs. Ferguson will do an excellent job," Miss Robarts said. "It's just an extension of her counselling job."

News to publish every two weeks

The Niagara News will be published every two weeks from now until early December. Next term, the News will appear each Monday, except during the Winter Study Break and in April. The News is a practical lab for second year journalism students.



DR. HEATHER SHARP

Dr. Sharp at clinic

Dr. Heather Sharp, a 29-year-old Winnipeg native, will be at the Niagara College health centre Friday afternoons assisting Dr. G.J. Alexander in providing medical attention to students and faculty.

Dr. Sharp attended University of Manitoba and joined Dr. Alexander and Associates in mid-July, her first permanent job. She said she likes Welland because doctors are responsible for much more than in Toronto or Winnipeg.

"I don't think you begin to learn unless you have responsibilities," she said. "You learn more by decisions you make in the middle of the night."

On June 1, 1975, in her third year of medicine, Dr. Sharp went to Eritrea, a small province breaking away from Ethiopia. The day before her arrival, two nurses were kidnapped and murdered causing most mission hospitals to close. Dr. Sharp was the only doctor in the area and the closest provincial hospital was 50 km away.

She stayed in Africa for four months and after completing her degree in Manitoba she specialized in pediatrics for two years.

Celebrate Canada, overweight people

By JOE WALLACE

Okay all you overweight people, the Celebrate Canada Festival is giving you a chance to lose all that excess weight and maybe make a little money on the side.

Pounds for Canada, is open to anyone in the college at least 10 pounds overweight.

Skinny people may also enter by paying the entry fee, $1, and guessing the total pounds lost by all contestants after they have been told the number of entrants.

In addition, everyone will be able to take part by sponsoring entrants on a per pound lost basis.

Contestants are to weigh in the week of Oct. 5 to 13, fully clothed with shoes on at the Health Centre in the Lundy building.

Contestants losing 10 or more pounds will be eligible for the final draw, which is one-eighth of the total "pot." The guess closest to actual poundage lost will also take one-eighth, while the remaining three-quarters of the money goes to the Celebrate Canada Festival, with money collected through sponsors.

The skinny sweethearts will make their final weigh-in on Valentine's day, Feb. 14, 1979, just in time to eat all those delicious candies.

Its organizers hope the contest will promote physical fitness, improve the college image, help anyone interested in losing weight and raise money for the Celebrate Canada Festival.

Weigh-ins will be kept confidential. Contestants are asked not to go when the doctors are on campus, Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon.

Hey fatty! Have we got a course for you

By CHERYL GARD

Weight Control Through Fitness and Health is the name of a new weight control clinic at Niagara College begining Oct. 5.

With the slogan "Fitness for the health of it," the program will stress a combination of proper diet and physical exercise.

Program organizers Marion Kerr, Peter Rylander, Bruce Tallon and Fred Bassi feel there is a definite need for a clinic at the college. A similar clinic was started in 1973 but the interest died out.

"This time it will be less structured than before," Mrs. Kerr said. All agreed that see themselves in the role of advisers and that is would be up to the individual student to weigh in each week and form exercise or discussion groups if he wished.

Each of the advisers will deal with one particular aspect of weight control. As school nurse, Mrs. Kerr will conduct confidential weigh-ins and provide nutritional information based on Canada's Food Guide. Mr. Rylander will help students design their own exercise program, according to their needs and interests. Mr. Tallon will help students deal with psychological problems, such as depression, which may accompany obesity.

The program may also have a preventative aspect. Students may be encouraged to seek nutritional information and use gym facilities to prevent a weight problem before it starts. With junk food readily available and students spending hours each day sitting, obesity is a very real possibility, Mr. Rylander said.

Those interested in the weight control clinic are invited to attend the first meeting on Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Health Centre.

College gets $12,012 media grant

Niagara College has been given a $12,012 Canada Works grant to produce a multi-media package dealing with outstanding contributions made by women in this region.

Gail Hilyer, chairperson of applied arts extension division, said the package is being put together to preserve material and make it available to school boards and women's groups in the region.

Many women in the area have made "great contributions," she said.

Once completed, the package will be shared widely throughout the area and people will know about these women and use these as examples and models.

Ms Hilyer is not suggesting men do not make great contributions but feats of equal importance done by women "are not as well known."

She hopes to get as many names as possible and will go to the community for suitable examples.

Production work will start in early June; the multi-media package will include tapes, films and black and white footage of the women chosen.

Flasher disrupts afternoon class

A "flasher" disrupted an afternoon English class on the first floor of the Simcoe building Thursday, Sept. 21.

Erika Church, an English teacher, said she was teaching first year human relation students at the blackboard in room S105C when a student shrieked. The student told her that through the glass panel by the door, she had seen a man expose himself.

Mrs. Church went out, but found the hall was vacant.

She went back to teaching only to hear two students shriek. Two men in the class ran out after the "flasher" but were not able to capture him, she said.

One student described the flasher as a stocky man with a green army jacket and pants. He wore gold-rimmed glasses and had reddish-brown hair and a beard.

"I was looking out and I just saw him standing there," another student said. "He was just looking in, trying to get our attention."

Both students agree it was a "scary" experience.

"He really looked like a pervert," one student said. "Really serious."

"It was sick," another said. Asked what she would have done about it, she said: "I'd want someone to catch him."

Low-cost film

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is again offering a low-cost film processing service to students this year. Niagara Color Labs, 12A Nihan Dr., St. Catharines, will return processed film within three days of its being left at the SAC office.

The service will process black and white and color prints, color slides, reprints, 5x5, 5x7, and 8x10 enlargements, and posters. Film is also available at the SAC office, Me-101.

Remedial course for those who mispel

By PAM RIGHTON

Fill in the missing letters. Rec____ve. L____utenant. Sover____gnty. Misch____v____s.

Having problems?

Well, take heart because a remedial spelling course offered this term by the English department can help improve your spelling skills.

The first meeting is Oct. 10 at 12:15 in Room S105A. English instructor John Muggeridge, working in only an advisory capacity, will go over a few rules of English, look at a few exceptions to the rules, then send the participants away with a remedial spelling handbook.

The non-credit course is purely experimental, Mr. Muggeridge said, with "motivation" the key to success. The student must be able to spell the 50 words used in the 10 exercises.

The English language is very hard to spell because it has "no logic", Mr. Muggeridge said.

He believes there is a weakness in spelling at the college level, and in such professions as journalism and the medical field, accurate spelling is particularly important.

Dennis Malone, chairman of the English department, said he feels there will not be a great influx of students to the course, but is not depending on numbers for the course to be successful. He expects some second and third year students from the continuing education programs to take advantage of the course. Teachers may refer students if a spelling problem becomes apparent.

The students may never become good spellers, but "they will never make a spelling mistake after completing the course, Mr. Malone said. The remedial spelling course motto: "Have dictionary, will study."

Students interested in taking the course should contact their co-ordinator or English teacher.

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ROVING REPORTER

By PAM RIGHTON and JOE WALLACE

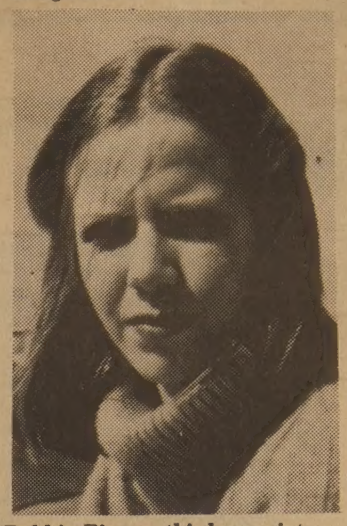
Students paying tuition fees in instalments at the beginning of each term are assessed an extra $10 when they pay the second half of the fees. A cross-section of students disagreed with the imposition of the extra fee.

James Chimenti, second year stationary engineer: I think it's a ripoff. Anybody who can't afford their tuition in the beginning is really going to be bothered by this additional fee.

Sue Conway, first year human relations: I knew there was an extra $10 fee so I paid my tuition in full. A lot of kids can't afford to pay extra because education does cost a lot.

Lana Huebert, first year business administration: I didn't know about the additional fee. What happens if you don't have the money?

Tony Demizio, first year human relations: Why should they charge more when we pay enough as it is?



Debbie Pirson, third year interior design: I was aware of the extra $10 fee but I paid only for the first term. I wouldn't have done it if I wasn't sure I was coming back next term. I really can't see their point behind it, though.

Lloyd Pepperall, second year business administration: It's not right. You shouldn't be penalized for paying for one term and not two.

Sean O'Conner, second year interior design: I think it's ridiculous. I'd like to know the reason and the people behind this.

Kevin Klassen, second year chemical technology: A lot of students have had a hard time getting jobs this summer and I don't thing they should be penalized.

Nancy Green, first year interior design: I don't think there should be an extra charge unless the student pays his tuition fees late.

Mary Anna Plut, first year steno-typist: I don't think it's fair of administration to ask students for for the extra money because they couldn't pay the full amount the first term.

Niagara grad foils health info scam

By PHYLLIS BARNATT

Niagara College's health records department has good reason to be proud. Linda Montague, 1970 graduate on staff at the St. Catharines General Hospital, received praise for her "quick and excellent thinking" in thwarting an investigating agency's attempt to obtain medical record information illegally.

Testifying before the Ontario Royal Commission on Confidentiality of Health records, Mrs. Montague recounted the events of April 14, 1977, when she received a phone call from a woman claiming to be from the Toronto General Hospital.

Requesting information on a former psychiatric patient, the caller left a number supposedly connected directly to the hospital's emergency room. Mrs. Montague found the file but before returning the call attempted to verify the number. Unable to do so, she phoned the Toronto General Hospital where she found "no one knew what I was talking about." The hospital had no such number or patient in its emergency room.

Mrs. Montague then returned the call at the original number. When she explained what had happened, the woman replied she had heard the wrong name and the hospital was really the Toronto East General. Again Mrs. Montague attempted to verify the number but again met with negative responses.

Questioned as to what prompted her to verify the calls in the first place Mrs. Montague replied: "I had no clue that it was not a valid call. I just followed the procedure (I had been taught) for a phone call." After the first verification attempt failed she felt perhaps she had taken a "wrong number" but then felt things were "fishy" when nothing checked out.

"I never expected an investigating company to be the caller. I thought perhaps it was family, parents, or friends...sometimes they call to get information or check; but I never expected it to be an investigating company."

Aware of the possible ramifications should the call have been legitimate, Mrs. Montague reported to E.C. Robinson, hospital administrator, the same day to verify the degree of protection she had in the procedure she followed.

"I had a lot of responsibility for that person's (psychiatric patients) life." Mr. Robinson's response was it "sounds like a crank call." He felt Mrs. Montague followed proper procedure in refusing to release the information when verification could not be obtained.

Mrs. Montague reported the events in a letter to her department head. A copy was also forwarded to the attorney-general's office since the call was an illegal search for information and false representation had occurred.

The Ontario Royal Commission on Confidentiality of Health Records, under the chairmanship of Judge Horace Krever of the Ontario Supreme Court, began public hearing in May 1978. It was Judge Krever who praised her "quick and excellent thinking."

Mrs. Montague studied in Niagara College's medical records program in 1970. The two-year course, she said, left her "well prepared" for hospital routine and to handle information requests. Since she routinely handled the calls in the St. Catharines General Hospital Records Department, she felt responsible for the call being handled in the manner it was.

Two other girls in the department wanted her to release the information in view of the emergency status of the request. However, recalling the phone verification procedure she had been taught at Niagara, Mrs. Montague refused. Her determination resulted in the commission being able to seize 727 files from Centurion Investigations Limited of Toronto, in connection with this and other illegal information requests.

Mrs. Montague applauded the commission's work as something "that is needed."

"I think it is a good thing. It has brought a lot out into the open, such as doctor's offices releasing information to anyone...information that shouldn't be released."

Unsure if a written code of ethics and/or responsibility exists for medical records personnel, Mrs. Montague said one would be useful to set guidelines for conduct especially among new employees and graduates.

Expecting her second child, Mrs. Montague is on temporary leave of absence from the St. Catharines General Hospital.

Regents reject plans for French college

Plans for a French language college have been rejected by the ministry of colleges and universities and the Council of Regents.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said: "The ministry came out very strongly and said they aren't going to do it."

Miss Robarts said the ministry considers the proposed French college to be financially unsound. The ministry would rather see existing community colleges encourage bilingual programs, Miss Robarts said. "Integration rather than separation is the key word."

$21,000 renovation

Three into one goes nicely

A $21,000 remodelling job has transformed the old amphitheatre on the third floor of the Simcoe building into two rooms and a "fair-sized" conference room for the liberal arts division of applied arts.

G.A. Blazetich, liberal arts chairman said the new rooms are designed with teaching efficiency in mind. They are virtually soundproof and valuable space has been gained.

Mr. Blazetich said the amphitheatre was "a pretty fancy room that took up more space than it was worth." The acoustics were "weird" and a concrete pole obscured the blackboard for about one-third of the room. Teachers could only use the lecture method.

"For that money we gained valuable space and flexibility in methodology," he said. "Now teachers can use the seminar, lecture and discussion approaches.

One classroom used to hold 50 people. Now there are two rooms with total capacity of 75, a conference room and storage space for divisional material.

Mr. Blazetich said liberal arts always lacked a place where teachers could have private conversations with students, and now they have one in the liberal arts division conference room.

On the buses

Too many students for one bus and not enough for two is the state of bus transportation from St. Catharines and Niagara Falls to Niagara College, Jean Vandenbelt, student services secretary, said.

Each year more and more students want to take the bus and Mrs. Vandenbelt said it presents a problem unless students notify the college of their need for transportation early.

Information regarding bus transportation was sent out to all accepted applicants and returning students with mail from the registrar's office. Students were asked to notify the office if they were interested in taking the bus.

Those who expressed interest were asked to pay the $95 fare by Aug. 3. This left enough time to arrange for buses with the bus company. But the student services office can arrange transportation only for those who pay by that date.

Usually St. Catharines has enough interested students to get one bus, Mrs. Vandenbelt said. "We took a chance on the Niagara Falls bus, even though we didn't have enough students."

The student services office tries to help students who need transportation by helping them arrange rides with students in their course or from their area.

"We did our best," she said.

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Students penalized

The idea was to provide the students with an incentive to complete the year. If a non-refundable $50 confirmation fee does not commit a student to finish a term, surely $10 won't.

Many students were not aware of the added fee and felt they were being penalized for not having enough money to pay their tuition in one sum. Those who worked in the summer to make enough for one term and are awaiting a loan have to pay $10 extra for the winter term.

Everybody is out to make a fast buck these days and Niagara College is no exception.

New college policy as stated in the 1978-79 college calendar: "An additional fee of $10 will be charged to students electing to pay (tuition) fees by installments."

Instead of increasing the fees, the college should give a discount to those paying in full. This would reduce the paper work and might encourage students to pay the whole amount instead of forcing them.

Everybody is out for a fast buck, yes, but people are out to save one as well.

Eddi Ventresca

Survival of fittest?

May only the strongest and the fittest survive in the world of media coverage. The one who can step on toes, elbow his way into a coveted spot and monopolize it will make it to the top, while his more courteous cohorts make do with fuzzy photographs and faint audio tapings that aren't suitable for even the garbage bin.

Take, for example, the Niagara Regional Exhibition in early September. The giant gelatin jump was a much advertised event, with media coverage from all over the peninsula. Everyone there jostled for strategic points to watch the first contestant immerse herself in the quivering mass. Tom Bishop, fair manager, generously provided the back of a pickup truck for cameras and their owners, so that the audience view (incidentally, they had paid their admission fees) was not obstructed.

Lo and behold, at the precise moment of the coveted opportunity to jump, those with cameras focused and shutter fingers ready found a broad back in their viewfinders. A cameraman, who had positioned himself on centre stage, had found a more strategic point and, unknowingly or not, effectively blocked everyone else's view.

Short of standing on someone's shoulders, photographers found good shots of the jump impossible.

A similar incident occurred at the opening ceremonies. To keep Eugene Whelan, minister of agriculture, and the two fair queens in focus as they prepared to cut the ribbon required some experience in acrobatics to keep feet out of puddles and microphones out of ears. Unfriendly jostling ensued.

Does the urgency of meeting deadlines constitute an excuse for such selfish behavior? Does this animosity exist among all members of the media?

In a world already plagued with more problems than it can handle, the medium that reports the events should not have to follow the same tactics.

Pam Righton

CURSES

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PROFILE

First female Board chairman

ELEANOR LANCASTER

By BETH SWINIMER

With a determined glint in her eyes, Eleanor Lancaster, newly-appointed chairman of the Board of Governors, said: "What I can do, I do."

An active, community-minded woman, Mrs. Lancaster is vice-chairman of the environmental assessment board with the ministry of environment and deeply involved in the consumers association in the Niagara peninsula.

A proud mother of four, Mrs. Lancaster feels as the manager of a busy household, a woman brings a special talent into an executive postition on any committee.

"A woman soon learns to be a negotiator, organizer and a first rate diplomat."

Mrs. Lancaster's list of accomplishments continues. She has been on home and school associations, taught Sunday school, acted in various capacities with the United Way and other social agencies, served on the Ontario Food Council under the department of agriculture and food and worked at evaluating interim studies in education for the Lincoln County School Board.

First woman

Her activities are noteworthy as well as many. She was the first woman to be appointed to the environmental assessment board and also the first female chairman of the Board of Governors at Niagara College.

Mrs. Lancaster also represented the Progressive Conservatives as candidate for St. Catharines in the last provincial election.

And through it all she still finds time for herself and her family.

She cans and freezes all her own fruits and vegetables grown in a home garden; she loves cooking and entertaining and enjoys sewing, crocheting and knitting for herself and her children.

Mrs. Lancaster is especially proud of her large conservatory of plants found off the Victorian-furnished main room.

Plants of every variety grow in this secluded yet tranquil section of the house, blooming to beauty in the bright sunshine which filters through the glass encasement.

Her 95-year-old father still lives with the family at their Lakeshore Road home in St. Catharines. Also living at home is Gregory, 16, an avid hockey, baseball and soccer fan.

Mrs. Lancaster grew up in Alberta, attending high school in Ponoka. She came to Ontario to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree at McMaster University, and wanted to further her education in medicine.

"The schools were too crowded with men at the time. It was just after the Second World War and a hard field to get into."

Continuing her education at the University of Toronto, Mrs. Lancaster received her Bachelor of Household Sciences degree, and went to study nutrition because "it was so much like medical research." She achieved her master's degree in nutrition.

Mrs. Lancaster met and married her husband, Bud, a student at Osgoode Law School, and taught in the home economics department at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for five years.

Campus babies

The young couple had two children, Richard and Janet, in Toronto. The offspring were tagged "campus babies" by students, Mr. Lancaster said, since the couple lived on campus and were assisted in caring for the children by "the girls in home ec."

Mrs. Lancaster fondly recalls those days and glanced at the family portrait hanging above the buffet in the dining room, commenting on how her children had changed.

Richard, 21, is the oarsman of the family, having represented Canada on the international rowing teams in Europe five times.

Janet, 19, is studying at the University of Western Ontario toward a degree in physical education and Elizabeth, 17, is enrolled in the general arts program at Guelph University.

Both girls love horseback riding, Mrs. Lancaster said, and have shown horses across Canada and the United States.

Other members of the family, she said, include Snoopy, a dog who holds a special place in the family portrait, Mita a stray Siamese cat the family found at Christmas and, of course, Sir Clanksalot.

Sir Clanksalot

Sir Clanksalot, Mrs. Lancaster explained, is family favorite and quite a convesation piece. Holding a place of recognition in the front sunroom, he is an antique reproduction of a Joan of Arc period suit of armor.

Mrs. Lancaster replaced Dr. Lee W.C. Sturgeion, who died July, 1978, and the late George Hamilton, former chairman of the board. She says she is confident about this new appointment.

Feeling no pressure as the first woman chairman, she said she is used to working with this group of "capable people" which represents a good cross-section of the community.

Changing her position, Mrs. Lancaster pointed to a tiny rag doll perched on the edge of the living room divan.

"And someday, when I have some free time, I'm going to see about having that small tear under the doll repaired.."

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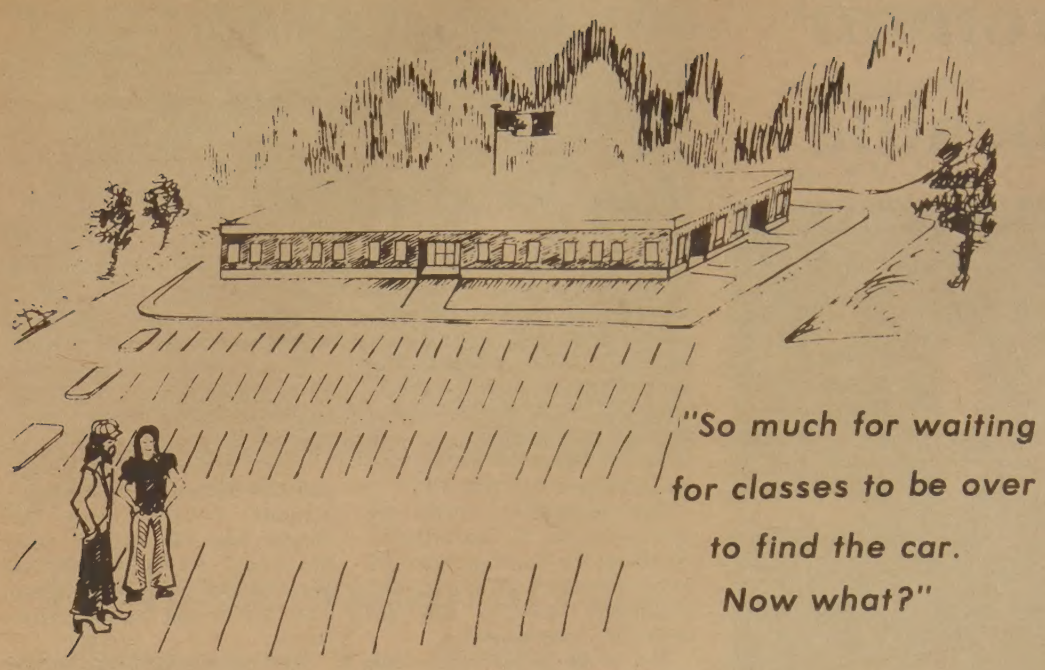

"So much for waiting for classes to be over to find the car. Now what?"

Films need okay

Controversial films produced for labor studies purposes at Niagara College are awaiting approval from the advisory committee and instructors to be used in class.

The black and white historical series deals with key labor people and labor issues such as the Lanark strike and are "controversial within union ranks," Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of community education, labor and labor management studies, said.

Part of a $20,000 labor studies development grant from the federal government made possible production by Dr. Robinson and Mark Saltarelli, acting labor studies co-ordinator.

The films "look at very different situations and record history as it happened," Mr. Saltarelli said. Some topics may be negative but the films show practical approaches in labor studies.

A color series shows the fundamental aspects of organizing a business and running and maintaining a union local.

"We've produced an exciting new concept in teaching and great plans are unfolding for the use of that series," Dr. Robinson said.

Niagara News welcomes letters

The Niagara News welcomes letters from its readers on any subject. Letters should not exceed 200 words in length and the News reserves the right to edit submissions in the interest of brevity.

Letters may be signed with a pen name but the identity of the writer must be known to the editor.

Contributions to the letters column may be brought or mailed to the News Room, S212, Simcoe Building, Niagara College, Woodlawn Road, Welland, Ont. L3C 5S2.

Ample parking on NC campus

Campus parking is ample and organized, says Jack Spittle, manager of property and plant.

"Although parking was ragged for the first few days following the college's opening, parking has improved," he said. "I can foresee no major parking problems arising."

Students were told about parking regulations during the first week of classes. Numerous tickets were issued to students choosing not to follow rules in the second week, Mr. Spittle said, but the number of tickets issued has decreased since.

"Our parking facilities are easily accessible to all buildings, in fact, they are among the best at Ontario colleges," Mr. Spittle said.

Cable TV offers NC on the air - live

A new, expanded program schedule and a greater involvment in community affairs will mark this year's television broadcasts by the media services department.

The college will again broadcast over cable television channels in the peninsula, with shows being aired Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. and repeated Sunday mornings at 11 a.m., media services manager Keith Lindberg said.

People attending the media services premiere in the Tecumseh staff lounge, Thursday, Sept. 21, saw film clips of two shows and excerpts from other shows in the fall line-up.

One of the shows, Niagara-Your Community College, will be open to the public to come in and view the taping, Mr. Lindberg said. The show will feature guests from the college and community and anyone wanting tickets should contact Mr. Lindberg in the media services department. The first public taping was scheduled for last Wednesday.

Classical European Cuisine, a nine-part series on cooking, is another new show. Stanley West, chef de cuisine at the Rainbow Hotel Centre in Niagara Falls, is the host for the show. Viewers are invited to write to chef in care of the media services department to get recipes.

Regular features that will return this year include the Niagara Sports Report and live coverage of men's and ladies basketball and men's hockey games.

Ed Zanetti, and John Killip, college instructors will talk about highlights of college sports activities on the sports report to be shown before basketball games on Thursdays starting Nov. 2.

Jerry Salfi, media services producer, and Larry Cote, marketing management co-ordinator, will do the play-by-play of the basketball games, live from the college gymnasium and Mr. Zanetti and Mr. Killip will do color and play-by-play of the hockey games, taped at the Welland arena.

A five-part English show, Up Your Grammar, will have its premiere March 5. It was devised by Paul Davoud, radio-television instructor and Brian Green, English instructor, both of whom are on leave of absence this year.

NC roof repairs soon completed

The roof of the Voyageur Building is not likely to collapse, but a 25,000-square-foot section is being replaced.

Four layers of tar paper, two inches of rigid insulation and two inches of gravel are being used in the repairs.

The section will complete roofing work started in 1976, when a 40,000-square-foot section of the 65,000-square-foot roof was replaced.

Work terminated because of limited funds made available by the ministry of colleges and universities, Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said.

The re-roofing job will be completed by mid-October, pending weather conditions.

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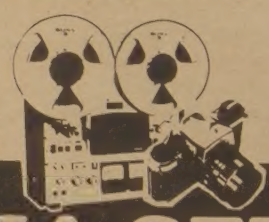

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Coming Up:

Oct. 5 Niagara Peninsula Rehabilitation Centre
A look at its patients and dedicated personnel

It's Your Money — Non-prescriptive drugs
Host — W. Wright
Guest — R. Montgomery, pharmacist

Oct. 12 Classical European Cuisine #1 (series)
Chef de Cuisine, Stanley West
Tonight — Poulet Saute Chasseur (chicken)

The Wiser of Off
Energy Conservation Centre puppet show

Blind Portuguese woman studies with tapes, braille

By PAUL WILSON

It's a long journey to Niagara College from Belver, a tiny village in the rugged northern section of Portugal. Maria dos Santos made that trip. Coping with a new country and a new way of life is doubly challenging for Maria, for she is the college's first blind student.

Maria, 20, is in her first year of the General College program. She arrived in Canada two years ago, and went to the W. Ross Macdonald school for the blind in Brantford. She learned English and last year did her Grade 12 studies.

She chose Niagara College because it is close to her family's St. Catharines home and because it was recommended by her principal in Brantford.

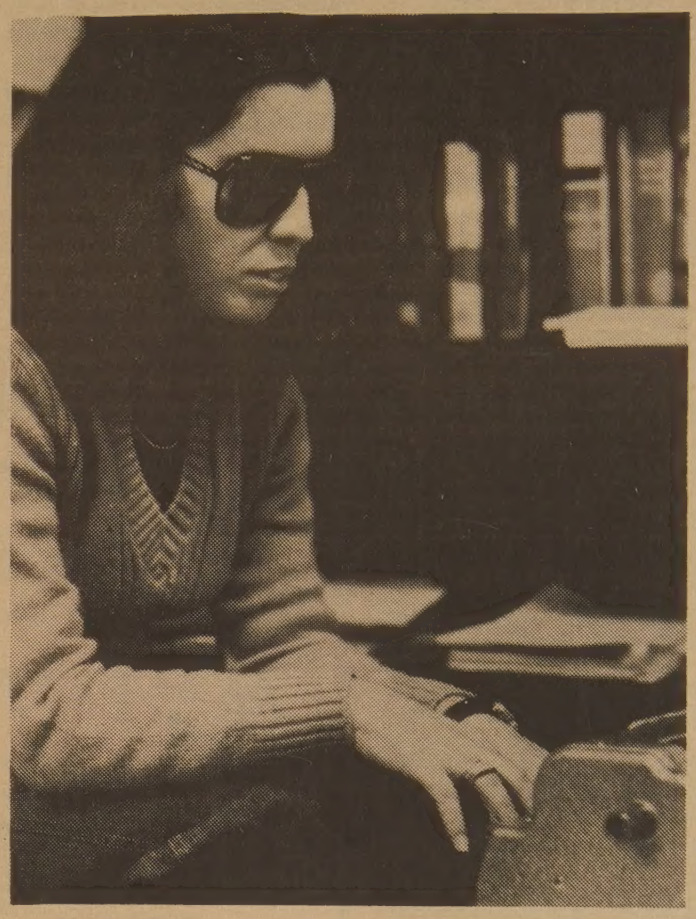
So far, Maria likes the school very much. She does admit however, finding her way around can be a problem.

"The college is so enormous. There seem to be halls and stairways running in every direction. But all my classes are in the Simcoe Building, so that's not really a problem."

Maria uses some special aids to help her keep on top of her studies. She has a unique typewriter that operates with only six keys. The various letters of the alphabet are produced by pressing different combinations of keys.

Her speed has on the mini-keyboard is dazzling, and she certainly has no difficulties taking lecture notes. All her typing is of course in braille, and all notes are filed in subject binders.

Maria also makes great use of study tapes. These are produced by Trent University in Peterborough, and follow the course outlines. For example, in psychology she uses four tapes that parallel the text for the entire course. She has a study carrel set aside in the library where she can work on her tapes.



Maria dos Santos, the first blind student at Niagara College, uses a special six-key typewriter to record her notes. Her speed on the machine enables her to keep pace during lectures with no difficulty.
(Photo by Wilson)

Maria has set a goal for herself. She would eventually like to obtain a degree in education so that she can teach French, a language she loves. With her kind of determination, how can she miss?

New small computer with bigger brain keeps student data

Dial extension 373 and you have contact with the new computer that holds student records and marks, college payrolls and inventory data. The catch? You need a terminal hookup to the V77-400 located in the Merritt building and the necessary files to obtain the information.

The computer, made by Sperry-Univac, is one-fifteenth the size of the Control Data 3200 computer that was in the MacKenzie building, and has double the memory size.

The school of business considered dismantling and re-installing the old computer in the new Merritt building because of the distance to the MacKenzie building.

However, the cost of finishing a room of considerable size, the $20,000 to $25,000 to dismantle and re-install the machine and the annual $6,000 to $8,000 electricity and special air conditioning bills were too high, John Cassidy, co-ordinator of data processing, said. A new, smaller computer with a bigger capacity was considered the better buy. The Control Data 3200 computer system is for sale.

Computers are becoming smaller and cheaper, and are as "common as pocket calculators," Mr. Cassidy said. The new computer can handle 32 jobs simultaneously, holds up to 134 million characters and offers several new program languages not available in the old computer.

One regular wall outlet serves the computer's power needs as opposed to heavy duty wiring needed for the older equipment.

Every school in the college uses the computer, with administration probably being the biggest user, Mr. Cassidy said. The school of business uses the computer for student program compilations and learning techniques.

Two magnetic disc drive machines store the bulk of information. Telephone and typewriter terminals and an operator's control unit are hooked to the computer. The large units of controller and processors in the old machine are replaced with small printed circuit boards. A card reader, weighing 90 pounds, can read 600 words a minute. The card printer prints 600 lines a minute.

One advantage not available on the old computer is that the programmer can ask a question and get an answer back.

It will be a couple of years, however, before registrar personnel can pick up a phone and obtain pertinent information about a student by just using the student number, Mr. Cassidy said.

Glass house to grow greens

With winter almost here and the growing season finished, two horticulture students are building a greenhouse that can be purchased and operated during the winter months at minimum cost.

The small glass amd fibreglass greenhouse, which measures six by eight feet, is heated principally by the sun.

The two senior horticulture students building the greenhouse, Joe Reid and Barry Hughes, have been working on the greenhouse instead of going on field placement with other seniors.

The greenhouse, located between larger greenhouses on the south side of the property, is insulated with 4½ inches of styrofoam on the northern half of the roof and 1½ inches of styrofoam on the north wall. The entire structure is covered with clear fibreglass panel.

EVEN WARMTH

The greenhouse retains heat during the night with eight 45 gallon drums filled with water and painted black. The result is a fairly even level of warmth in the greenhouse at all times.

Barry and Joe said they didn't know what the resulting temperature would be. But they are optimistic, since last year's greenhouse retained seven degrees Celsius with only four barrels and no insulation.

The two students said the greenhouse could have a R factor as high as 25. The R factor is the resistance to heat flow through a material.

They will not know what type of plants can be grown in the greenhouse until an "obtainable temperature" is found.

They're ultimate goal is to build "a greenhouse that the average guy can buy and use in winter." So far they have spent an estimated $100.

Day care for bilingual babies

By EDDI VENTRESCA

Niagara College received a $30,000 francophone grant to set up a day care section for French-speaking children and to plan a proposed program, unique among Ontario community colleges, to make students completely fluent in French.

The grant from the ministry of colleges and universities will also be used for the bilingual secretarial program and will provide $8,950 for a basic literacy project to upgrade the skills of the French community.

The early childhood education program received $9,900 for the day care section, the first one of its kind at Niagara and Lucille Kelly, a French-speaking nursery school teacher has been, hired to look after the children.

Twenty-five hundred dollars will be used to make preparations and advertise a new program called Le Francais Instrument de Travail, John Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said.

Niagara College has approval from the ministry to offer the program next fall, but it does not have enough funds to supply the teaching, Mr. Giancarlo said.

The one-year program will be offered to French-speaking students or those with a Grade 12 equivalent and can be taken before or after a taking a regular program.

The bilingual secretarial program received $4,000 for supplies such as French dictionaries, bookstand periodicals, and to provide more teaching.

Irene Hanlin, co-ordinator of bilingual secretaries, secretarial dicta-typists, and secretarial science, will work three hours a week in the fall term and six in the winter term.

Community and continuing education were given $3,800 to offer French credit and non-credit courses this fall.

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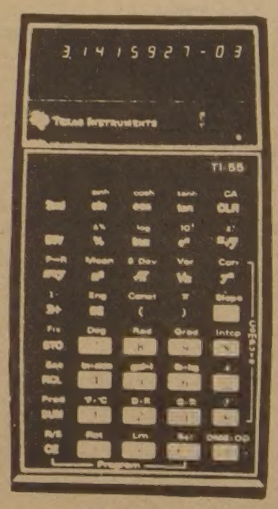

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Paul Firlotte, left, receives gifts from ASID chapter president Bob Frisch. (Photo by Smith)

Firlotte appointed director to ASID

Paul Firlotte, program co-ordinator of interior design at Niagara College, has been appointed director of the American Society of Interior Designers, one of the few Canadians to earn the distinction.

Mr. Firlotte was apointed at a New York State chapter meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake Sept. 9.

Speaking to the designers, Mr. Firlotte said they should be very conscious of the past heritage and have a "very important part to play" in the field of restoration and preservation.

To restore a building, Mr. Firlotte said the object is to return the structure to its original state with all the facilities available at that time. It is a detailed process and can be accomplished only through extensive research and development.

SIMILAR TO RESTORATION

The art of preservation of a building is similar to restoration except that the designer can incorporate conveniences of the day into the structure, he said. This must be done within the perimeter of the room and cannot hurt the structural form of the room.

If a designer wishes to use an old building for other than its original use, he can recycle it, Mr. Firlotte said. This has been done in converting old structures into such things as senior citizens' homes.

He got his start in restoration and preservation in Montreal in 1965 and has kept up his interest since moving to Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1970.

His most recent project was restoring the Creen house, which is his residence. The house was built in 1815 and he has restored it to its original state and added all today's conveniences without changing the structure of the building.

A great deal of research is needed to find the original use of a building and those interested must do a lot of homework or they will be deceived, he said. A project such as this is "very rewarding" after it has been finished.

ERT grad appointed to AV job

An Educational Resource Technician (ERT) graduate from Niagara has been appointed audio-visual co-ordinator for the Lincoln County Separate School Board.

Larry Dolan, 26, who graduated in 1973, started at Denis Morris High School after field placement as an audio-visual technician.

Mr. Dolan started his new job Aug. 7, and has 29 schools and more than 9,000 students with their audio-visual needs to look after.

His duties include the purchasing of films and distribution of audio-visual equipment to each of the schools.

In the five years he worked at Denis Morris, he attended Brock University, and graduated with a degree in history and geography.

Elvira Lucas, ERT program co-ordinator, said it was Larry's personality and ability to get along well with people that helped him get his job. "He really got along well with the staff at Denis Morris," she said.

She said he got involved at all the school functions and the staff found him "very approachable". Mrs. Lucas said he was always particular about the quality of work he put out.

Mr. Dolan replaced Rev. D. Warburton, who became vice-principal of Denis Morris. Father Warburton was also chairman of ERT advisory committee for the past three years. Mr. Dolan's job went to another Niagara graduate, Robin McNaughton.

Larry and his wife, Eleanor, an early childhood education instructor at Niagara, along with their one-year-old son, Cameron, reside at 46 Preston Place, Welland.

Instructor's past an asset to class

By EDDI VENTRESCA

Mountain-style houses in Poland inspired Stanislaw Szaflarski to make architecture his career, and his personal portfolio and experience will be a definite asset to his interior design students.

Mr. Szaflarski, or Stan to his students, is the new architectural drafting design instructor hired as the Interior Design program begins its first third year. He moved from Montreal after working with the firm of Sankey, Javosky, Werlman Guy Architects since 1975.

Born in a small mountain town in southern Poland, he watched his father, a carpenter, build houses along the mountainsides and that was the "strongest motivation to my architectural life."

"That was probably my single, most important schooling in architecture."

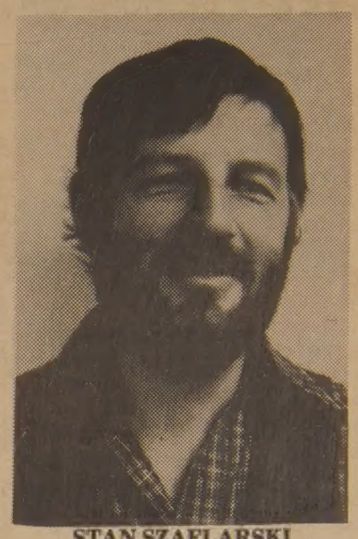
His personal portfolio comprises renovations, individual houses, hotels in Ceylon, provincial court housing in Hull, computer centres in London, Ont., and Montreal and an elementary school in Montreal.

When he came to Montreal in 1975 his first thought was "to build the country". He came blems.

He joined a design group, Trans Arts Communications (TAK) that proposed an urban design project for Montreal to the federal government. The group analysed the city's situation and presented recommendations to reorganize circulation, communications, lighting, aesthetic and information systems. The report, Creation d'environment, was well received but subsidies needed for the project were not received.

SIX YEARS IN PARIS

Before coming to Canada, Mr. Szaflarski lived in Paris for six years where he trained at Beaux Arts. He worked as a part-time journalist for Organization Radio Television Francaise (ORTF) and had his own show where he discussed with a panel changes in modern life.



STAN SZAFLARSKI

Architektura, his first architectural review published in Polish, was aimed at preserving historic architecture such as the ones his father built, and proposed future renovations.

While at Beaux, Mr. Szaflarski had the opportunity to see a project transformed from a concept through to the finished product.

"I wish my students to go through the same process," he said.

Investing in his own business was his most expensive professional experience in Canada and also the most important. It gave him direct access to files, architects, contractors and the business world.

He said Canadian facilites are the most exceptional in the world. In comparison, everything in Europe is reduced to half scale.

Personal attitude and observation are important in architectural design and drafting. He is preparing a new architectural drafting course for next fall designed to teach a specific professional language in the field.

It does not matter if you live in Paris, Montreal or Welland, he says. Welland is half-way between Toronto, Montreal, New York, Chicago and Detroit. He can pack up and go anywhere he wants to at any time.

Total of eight instructors added to applied arts staff

Two full-time and six sessional lecturers have been added to the applied arts staff to fill new posts and vacancies left by instructors on leave.

The two full-time instructors are **Janet Potton** and **Stan Szaflarski**. Mrs. Potton will replace George Hay from human relations, who retired last year. She was transferred from Niagara Falls nursing centre, and was previously a lecturer/clinical instructor in psychiatric nursing at University of Toronto.

Mr. Szaflarski will be instructing the new third-year interior design course. Since 1975, he has been with the Montreal firm of Sankey, Javosky, Wereleman Guy architects. He was trained at the Beaux Arts in Paris, France and the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw, Poland.

Pat Menon will replace Brian Green, English instructor on sabbatical leave. She has 11 years teaching experience in Montreal, and served as a project manager last year on a survey of Rural Communities Education and Training Needs at Niagara Colege, under Gail Hilyer, chairperson, applied arts extension division.

TWO REPLACE WILSON

Ed Wilson, program co-ordinator of general college is on

JANET POTTON

sabbatical leave in England. **Alexandra Fic**, social science instructor, and **Doug Stock** will take over his duties. Mr. Stock has been a part-time instructor at Niagara in English and continuing education.

Tom Pace replaces Paul Davoud, radio and television instructor on unpaid leave. Mr. Pace spent several years with radio and television stations in Ontario and Quebec as announcer, director and producer. He spent a year as assistant director of extension at Laurentian University and two years with the Ontario Educational Communication Authority. He has been freelancing since 1975, and is working on The New Quiz Kids, a game show for the Global television network, and Flim Flam a show with Orson Bean as host on CTV.

Patrick Lee will fill in for the ailing Alan Cullimore, radio and television instructor. He attended the London Film School for two years and has been directing, producing and editing films as a freelancer since 1971. He also taught at the Toronto Filmmakers Co-op.

Paul Stoesser replaces Nick Ayre at the Theatre Centre. Mr. Stoesser is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and taught as technical director at Canadore Colege. He was technical director at Theatre Passe-Muraille, Toronto.

Mark Saltarelli will replace Sean O'Flynn, former co-ordinator of labor studies. Mr. O'Flynn became president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union. Mr. Saltarelli is an honors graduate of Brock University and has worked for the community education division on a part-time basis for the last three years.

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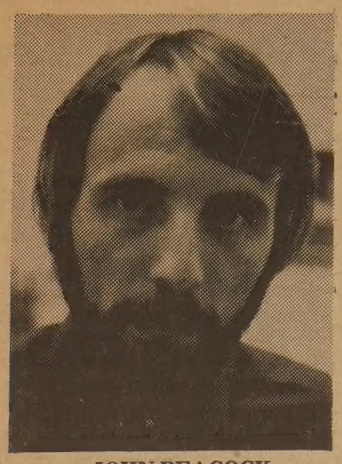

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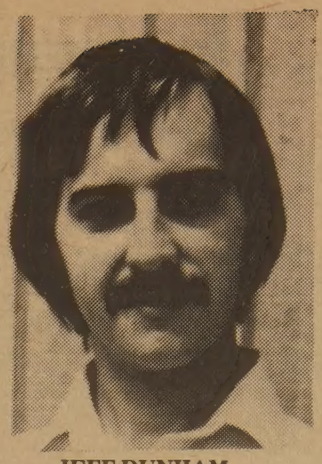

JEFF DUNHAM

Additions to faculty bring new expertise

Two full-time instructors have been added to the school of business faculty this year.

John Peacock will replace Derrick Barnett as co-ordinator of hotel administration at the Rainbow Hotel in Niagara Falls. Jeff Dunham, from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, is the new Tourism instructor.

Mr. Peacock, a graduate of the University of Strathclyde Scottish Hotel school in Glasgow, Scotland, has been employed by leading hotels in the United Kingdom and Canada.

Mr. Peacock brings with him a broad experience in food and beverage management and holds the prestigious HCIMA designation (Hotel Catering Institutional Management Association). Mr. Barnett has accepted a consulting position in Florida.

Mr. Dunham worked for Wax-Extract Inc., in South Carolina, a firm which develops wax museums, race tracks and other tourist attractions. This experience is of special significance to the Niagara tourism program which places emphasis on the events and attractions aspect of tourism.

Tourism at festival: fine time with wine

By PAUL WILSON

Niagara College tourism students made a big contribution to this year's 27th annual Niagara Grape and Wine Festival, and received some valuable practical experience in the process.

Among the festival's 140 events this year were public bus tours of vineyards and wineries. The students, armed with a wealth of facts and figures on the wine industry, performed escort and host duties for the tours.

Neil McGregor, tourism program co-ordinator, said, "The students have had extensive training by the college and by the industry itself. For example, representatives from the Wine Council of Ontario met with the students and discussed such things as classifications of wines, different tastes and proper techniques for opening and pouring wines."

About 30 students involved in the festival work. Half worked as hosts in a hospitality tent sponsored by the Wine Council, where they served Ontario wines and answered questions.

The others were escorts on the tours to the wineries and the vineyards. "This provides very practical experience," Mr. McGregor said. "It also ties in with one of the tourism courses; 'Conducting a Tour,' which is a subject offered only at Niagara College."

Barbara Hern, a second year tourism student, was co-ordinator of the tour escorts. Among other things, she guided the hordes onto the buses destined for either a winery or a vineyard. She found that people were often willing to be willing to be quite flexible as to which of the two tours they took once they were assured that wine tasting was on the agenda for both.

Guiding one of the buses bound for the Brightview Farms vineyard was Debbie Morrison, a first year student. She felt the work was useful in "helping me to know the Niagara region better, and giving me an idea what it's really like working with the public in the tourism field."

Brightview Farms, owned by Brights Wines, was a 15-minute bus ride from the departure point at Fairview Mall in north St. Catharines. At the farm all passengers were set loose among the grapevines, free to pluck the luscious fruit. While all were munching, Debbie provided some information on the grape industry:

- there are 24,000 acres of grapes in the Niagara peninsula.
- 80 per cent of the peninsula's grapes are picked by machine
- these machines cost $60,000, and do the work of 80 men in an eight-hour day.

The Wine Council of Ontario hospitality tent was erected on the Brighview lawns. The Niagara College hosts were inside, serving up the wines of the region with a polished flair.

Bob Murray, a representative with the Wine Council, said Ontario wines are experiencing a healthy rate of growth. He said "snobbery with wines is starting to disappear and is being replaced by an 'if you like it, drink it' philosophy."

Mr. Murray demonstrated the techniques to assess the clarity and bouquet of a wine. He said that a winetaster, who usually spits out the product after tasting, generally tastes no more than six or seven wines before he must give the taste buds a rest.

When the tour ended, Debbie counted heads aboard the bus and asked if all had enjoyed themselves. The responded by giving her a full round of applause.

Now that beats an end-of-term report card any day.

Approves funds for 3 clubs, SAC allots 1/3 year's budget

With fewer than one-quarter of expected club budgets submitted, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) has already approved budgets totalling more than one-third of the allotted money.

SAC has a total club budget of $12,000 and three club budgets, totalling $4,459.79, were approved at the SAC meeting Sept. 26.

Gail Caperchione, SAC club convener, said there are "other reserves" to draw from, including contingency funds should SAC run out of money for recognized college clubs.

Gail expects seven to 10 more clubs to submit budgets for SAC approval but said the largest budgets have been approved already.

The three budgets approved were $2,324.79 for the amateur radio club, $1,565 for the computer club and $550 for the rowing club.

Not included in the radio club budget was a clause to increase it by 10 per cent should prices of items they plan to buy increase.

The club has looked for months to find the best possible prices, Gail said, but in case the prices rise the clause was put in. This made the total budget $2,557.29.

The club has a membership of 24 and because it is a licensed operation it cannot raise money for itself.

The computer club will have a revenue of $235 for the year. It is looking to increase membership and raise more money. There are 22 members.

The club is planning to use SAC money for field trips to a computer trade show and to a data processing operation.

Tickets will be sold for these trips and SAC funds will be used to charter a bus.

The newly-formed Niagara College Rowing Club will use the SAC money to enter five regattas as well as for coaching, equipment and travel allowance.

After the last meet, the club will try to raise money on its own to enter a meet in the spring.

Clubs will not overspend their budgets this year because the money is being put in a bank account in care of SAC, Gail said. When the clubs want to make a purchase they have to go to SAC for approval.

New machine, same old price

A new photocopier has been installed at the circulation desk in the resource centre.

Stephen Kees, chief librarian, said the new Xerox 3600 I machine should be faster and more reliable than the old one, which broke down frequently.

The old machine was in the library's lower level, and the new machine's location will give people easier access, Mr. Kees said.

Price of photocopying will remain at 10 cents per page.

Art gallery will open for college and area

Niagara College's first art gallery is expected to open some time in January, Tom Fraser, spokesman for the Task Force on the Arts, says.

Mr. Fraser, a technology instructor, headed a subcommittee on the visual arts that laid the ground work for the project. The gallery will be in the old registrar's office in Hennepin Hall.

"It's really just a matter of funds and digging up the money to do it," Mr. Fraser said. The group plans to sell memberships in an effort to raise money.

Memberships will include invitations to the opening and first chance to view all touring exhibits. Members will also be included on the gallery's mailing list.

The gallery will be a combination of local and college talent and will be open to the public on evenings and weekends. There will be no charge to the general public.

A Board of Directors is still to be formed and will be made up of both college and community people, Mr. Fraser said. The gallery is to include a variety of paintings, prints and sculptures.

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Urges use of 'challenge exams' to reduce Cont. Ed. course time

By TOM POWELL

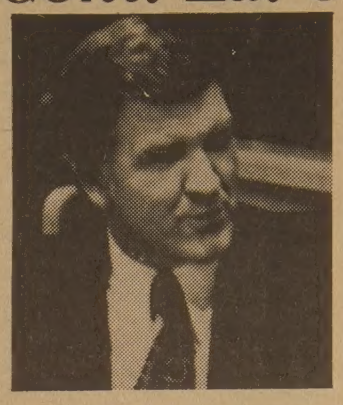
Community colleges should encourage part-time students with experience in their chosen field to take "challenge exams" for the purpose of advanced placement to shorten the length of their courses and lighten their work load, Norman Williams, chairman of the Ontario Council of Regents, says.

Mr. Williams was speaking to Niagara College's continuing education faculty as part of their professional development evening at the college Sept. 14.

The continuing education program is the most economical form of education and provides "the biggest bang for the buck," Mr. Williams said. The ratio of part-time to full-time students is already 7:1 and by 1983 will be 11:1.

"There's no doubt about it, it's going to be a big area in the future."

It is to this end that the Council of Regents can change the goals and objectives of colleges to move more in the direction of part-time learning without lowering standards.



NORMAN WILLIAMS

College testing policies should guard against students taking advantage of the challenge exams and lowering school standards.

The main reason for people taking these courses is to improve themselves so that they can continue upward mobility of their careers, Mr. Williams said.

Colleges should take steps to encourage these people to acquire a diploma or certificate.

"You should facilitate people getting these, and not try to put impediments in their way."

Students should also be allowed to move at their own pace. "If someone is dedicated you can knock off a 15-week course in five weeks."

Mr. Williams was appointed chairman in January for a two-year term. The Council of Regents is an advisory group to all community colleges in Ontario and is responsible for, among other duties, approving all programs run in the colleges and appointing eight of the 12 people who sit on each school's Board of Governors.

HALF A MILLION STUDENTS

Education eats up the largest portion of the provincial government's budget and, with 500,000 part-time students enrolled in Ontario's community colleges, Mr. Williams is very much concerned with how the program is handled. He added that secondary school enrolment is down almost 27.5 per cent from last year.

Eighty-eight per cent of students in post-secondary institutions come from the surrounding area, Mr. Williams said. Because of this colleges are going to be in heavy competition with the local universities and should encourage students to come in the day or night time and be allowed to attend when they are available.

"Whoever said you had to start in September?"

Canada's future

Broadbent optimistic

By RON HOLLA

At first glance he is a man whom one would like as neighbor — friendly, warm and honest. Though he is a politician, he is interested in people for people's sake, not just for votes. This interest in people touches his audience when he speaks.

Ed Broadbent, national NDP leader, is a politician with a message he wishes to tell Canadians. "I as a politician am optimistic about our country," he told a crowded Hamilton Room Sept. 7.

"We can make this both an exciting and decent country," he said. "We have the best resources and our labor force is equal to that of any country's."

He called the view Canadian workers are lazy "rubbish;" instead he placed the blame for Canada's low productivity on old machines and short runs.

"Any serious look at Canadians shows they are just as good as workers from any other industrial state," he said. "Canadians want to work."

Ed Broadbent does have hope for Canada's future but action is needed.

"We have to come to grips with getting more control of our economy."

One of the ways this would be accomplished would be to "Canadianize" key sectors of the economy with the main emphasis to be placed on energy.

"This is to ensure that benefits of our oil are to be used by Canadians."

ALREADY TOO LATE?

Questioned by a student whether it was not already too late for Canada to take over its own resources, Mr. Broadbent replied by issuing a challenge to all the students.

"My hope for your generation is that you won't put up with this nonsense," he said. "We can turn things around."

Another student asked his opinion about the post office becoming a crown corporation. He called the idea "great" but not original; he said the idea was first proposed by the post office, followed by the NDP, then the Progresive Conservatives and "finally a man named Pierre Elliot Trudeau."

Mr. Broadbent was enthusiastic about short term measures his party would implement if elected.

"If those earning less than $25,000 a year get income tax cuts, it would add thousands of jobs."

An additional 75,000 jobs would be gained if the federal manufacturing sales tax was lowered to eight from 12 per cent.

Public investment in transportation and housing would lead to an additional 400,000 jobs, Mr. Broadbent said. While this would mean an increased budget deficit, he said it would only be a short term increase.

"Two or three years down the road we will have a net reduction in our deficit of $4 billion to $5 billion," he said. "This is because people would be at work producing goods and services."

OPPOSES RESTRAINT

Many Canadians believe the way to get out of the country's economic problems is through "cutback, rollback and restraint."

He disagreed with this, saying the longest sustained period of productivity for the western industrialized countries was from a period that coincided with greater government involvement. While most politicians propose cutbacks, he said, the NDP proposed more government involvement.

When a student asked if Mr. Broadbent thought the recent Ontario government grant to Ford Motor Company to build a plant in Southern Ontario was a bribe, he said the term was "right on."

"We are paying Ford twice over," he said. He spoke about weaknesses in the Auto Pact which he said gave Ford "hundreds of millions" and repeated his statement the NDP would ensure the Auto Pact was lived up to.

Active year ahead for IEEE members

A convention in Montreal, a tour to Nanticoke and the display of an electric car in the Grape and Wine Festival are among activities planned for members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

"The IEEE is a professional society containing 175,000 members which operates through conferences and publications disseminating new developments in electronics," F. A. Ciccarelli, chairman of the electrical-chemicals division in the school of technology, said.

The student branch of IEEE at Niagara planned to exhibit the electric car at the Grape and Wine Festival Sept. 30. Mr. Ciccarelli said the car is painted bright orange but he said he hopes to get graphic arts students to do some lettering on it. Previously the car, equipped with loud speakers broadcasting music from the motion picture "Star Wars", was shown at the Welland Rose Festival in June.

Mr. Ciccarelli said that on Oct. 18 and 19 an annual convention in Montreal will be held with engineering students presenting papers on new developments and equipment. This is a conference of all student chairmen of colleges across Canada. Greg Ostryhon, Niagara's chairman of the student branch, will attend.

At this meeting, technical reports will be presented to a committee of the IEEE. The Palin Award and several hundred dollars will be awarded to the student with the best paper. Last year, Niagara's George Spurik received the award.

Mr. Ciccarelli said a tour to Nanticoke involving the IEEE was planned for later in the year. The tour is electrical-power oriented as the students will be visiting the power plant to learn about the equipment.

On April 6, the fourth annual IEEE technical banquet-report night will be held. It will consist of a banquet for technology students followed by paper reports from the best students.

This year, Mr. Ostryhon continues as chairman of the IEEE. Other officers are vice-chairman, Pacifico Cecchetti; program chairman, Rick Lutka; parts chairman, Claude Hardy; calculator committee chairman, Simon Claughton; secretary, John Murray, and treasurer, Ray Jasper.

Mr. Ciccarelli is asking for recruits from first and second year students to add to the membership of the student IEEE.

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NEWS DIGEST

Enrolment up 5%

Enrolment for the fall term at Niagara is up five per cent, John Parrett, college registrar, said.

As of Sept. 15 the enrolment was 2,248, with the hotel and restaurant administation program still to register.

Mr. Parrett said he anticipates a total of 2,568 students, a 6.5 per cent increase, when the final registration figures are completed Oct. 2.

Student registrations were up in almost all programs, both in freshmen enrolment and returning student, Mr. Parrett said.

"Freshmen enrolment is up two per cent this year, while the number of returning students has increased by 11 per cent over last year."

Mr. Parrett said first year enrolment could have been higher but it was limited in some programs due to provincial budget restrictions and to prevent an oversupply of graduates.

OSAP generous

The number of student loan applications by Niagara College students remains the same despite new OSAP regulations restricting eligibility.

Elizabeth Patterson, student awards officer, said 700 applications have been received so far, compared to 757 at this time last year. However, she added it is difficult to make a full assessment of the situation since applications will continue until the end of January. Almost 1,000 loan applications were received in 1977 and Mrs. Patterson expects "about the same" number in 1978.

The new regulations will make little difference to the average student but will mean "considerably more" money to some categories such as married or single parent students, Mrs. Patterson said. She said she feels the new regulations are "probably more generous" than before. They will provide assistance for students who really need it but prevent those who don't from taking advantage of the system.

Help for frosh

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Change unlikely

The possibility of universities getting into diploma programs is remote.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said some university officials are considering instigating a diploma program. "I don't think it's a real threat," she said. "Our programs are strong enough."

Miss Robarts said she felt some of the concern over declining enrolment has been caused by media coverage. "It's kind of a reaction to the media," she said.

Miss Robarts said she thinks there will be enough pressure from community college officials to curtail university involvement in diploma programs and ensure previously defined mandates are retained.

University enrolment has declined by approximately 10 per cent while community college registrars show a six or sever per cent increase above last year's totals.

Miss Robarts attributes this trend to the job-orientation policies of community colleges.

New ASHRAE exec.

The student branch of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers at Niagara College elected a new executive Sept. 22.

Ron Muntz was elected president, John Allman, vice-president and Norman Fornier secretary-treasurer. Al Perusse and Bill Smith, first year students, are also on the executive.

The society was designed for the advancement of the sciences of heating, refrigeration and air conditioning engineering through lectures, demonstrations and publications. The student branch meets with senior members of the society every second Monday of each month at the Royal Connaught Hotel in Hamilton for dinner lectures.

The new executive will plan programs and student meetings for the year.

A mile a day keeps obesity away : nurse

By MARY KOZIELLO

With improper nutrition and lack of exercise, Canadians are on their way to becoming a nation of flabbies.

Marian Kerr, Niagara College nurse, said Canadians are unconcerned about nutrition for they eat too many snack foods and don't cook proper meals.

"We should begin teaching proper nutrition to school age children," Mrs. Kerr said. Overfeeding of children in infancy and pre-adolescence may build up fat cells that remain with them a lifetime. Once these cells are laid down, they never disappear. They shrink only when one loses weight.

Inactivity is likely the reason for the increased percentage of obese teenagers. More today are being transported rather than walk to school. Mrs. Kerr advises young people to play tennis, jog and swim to prevent becoming obese in later life. Waling a mile a day is prescribed for all as it tones one's muscles.

About half of all Canadians are overweight and, if they don't check it, may become obese.

Doctors have a definition of obesity.

The word is applied to those who are 20 pounds heavier than the weight range for their height and frame; anything less than that but still more than normal is classified as overweight.

GREATER RISK

Obesity seems to increase the risk of heart attack, particularly obesity in combination with high blood pressure, high levels of cholesterol in the body and heavy cigarette smoking.

Snacking, meals away from home, foods that require only short, simple preparation are merely representative of changes in a society that has grown wealthier, more mobile and better educated with more leisure time.

When the food industry produces more and more snack foods, it is merely responding to changes it detects; industry is only providing consumers with what they want.

"We should abstain from eating snack foods," Mrs. Kerr said. Instead she suggested eating three meals a day according to Canada's Food Guide.

She said Niagara College's cafeteria service was good in that it provided a hot meal at a reasonable price. She wished, however, that some of the junk food would be removed from the vending machines. Junk food is defined as offering little if any nutrient except calories and being used to replace nutritionally more important food.

Canadians are missing bulk from their diets, Mrs. Kerr said. Lack of it may cause cancer of the colon. Bulk is found in foods such as bran, fresh vegetables, whole grain bread and cereal.

16 PRODUCE NEWS

Sixteen second year journalism students produce the Niagara News, covering college and community events. In addition to writing the stories, the students take and print the photographs, typeset the copy, lay out and make up the pages. The printing is done off-campus.

All is quiet now

The Niagara Regional Exhibition usually signals the end of summer here in the peninsula. This ride, The Zipper, towers idly over the fairground just before it opened one morning. Some of the rides this year at the exhibition had to make a fast trip from the Canadian National Exhibition, in Toronto, to take their spot on the midway.
(Photo by Wallace)

Stakes are high at Rehab. party

A gambling casino featuring roulette and horse races had lucky patients of the Peninsula Rehabilitation Centre betting with $1,000 bills at their annual party.

But the money wasn't real at the Sept. 14 party which had a gambling theme. Patients were supplied with $1,000 bills in play money to bet on blackjack, crown and anchor, bingo, roulette and horse races. The staff dressed up as saloon bettors and winners received double their money back.

The hospital staff is divided into teams of physiotherapists, sociologists, occupational therapists, audiologists, and speech therapists, Rosanne Fedorkow, member of the Board of Governors, said.

Patients come to the centre with a variety of handicaps, Mrs. Fedorkow said. Some have suffered strokes, some have arthritis, or are accident victims. A patient is first assessed by a sociologist to determine which of the five areas he needs help in, she said.

The centre stresses treatment of "the whole patient," she said. Some may need help in all the areas offered. An assessment of a person who has lost a limb would include physiotherapy, learning to relearn use of other limbs, how to adjust to the loss and how to handle his life, she said.

About 150 people attended. Soft drinks, barbecued hot dogs, and ice cream were served, as well as diabetic foods.

$3 million increase Funding proposal

A proposed funding mechanism that would increase Niagara College's budget by $3 million per year has been rejected by the committee of community college presidents.

The proposed increase was part of a paper submitted following a three-year study of the funding system. The finance committee doing the study is working on a second draft.

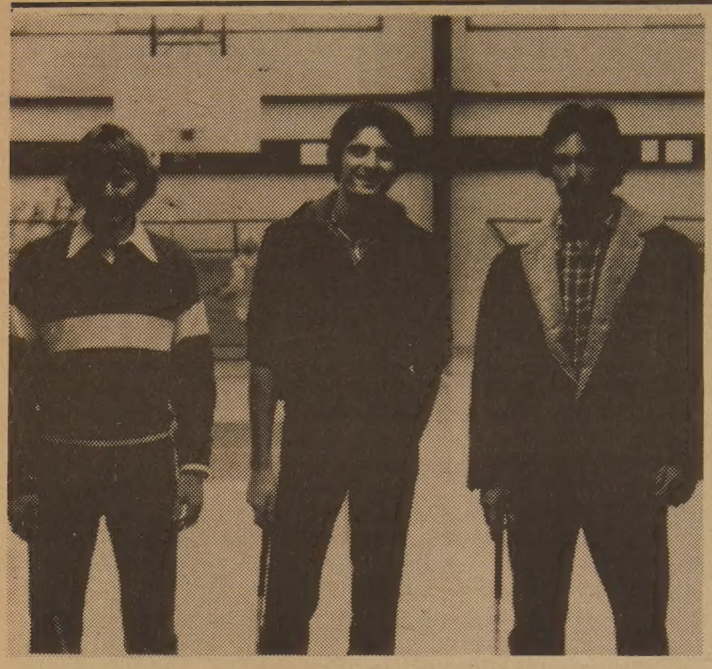
Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said the committee of presidents sent the report back for modification: Miss Robarts said she expects the second draft to be revealed soon.

Miss Robarts said the new system would re-locate government money among the colleges rather than increase the government's budget.

One point under review is the higher allotment afforded northern colleges because of their location. The new system may decrease the northern college's budgets and distribute that money among other colleges.

SPORTS

Golf / Swimming



Niagara College's four-man golf team participated in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association golf championships last week. Trying to bring home first-place honors for Niagara are, from left to right, Greg Waters, Rusty Silvestri, and Al Drzewiecki. Absent when the photo was taken was Mark MacDonald. (Photo by Brodie)

Need improvement to win OCAA title

Niagara's golf team combines youth and experience this year. Two newcomers joined a pair of returning regulars from last year to represent the college at the Ontario College Athletic Association finals in Barrie last Thursday and Friday.

Team members were selected after two rounds of qualifying, held Sept. 14 and 19 at the Niagara Parks Commission Golf Course in Niagara Falls. Seventeen golfers entered the trials, with the field being cut to 10 for the final round.

Greg Waters and Rusty Silvestri, the two veterans, were the top qualifiers, scoring 84-81 and 84-85 respectively. Also qualifying were Al Drzewiecki, 83-88, and Mark MacDonald, a horticultural program student, 91-89.

College athletic director Peter Rylander, the team's coach, said improvement is necessary if Niagara is to have a chance to win.

"They are going to have to shoot better to win," he said. "If the four guys can average 80 for two rounds, we will have a good shot at winning."

"If the first two live up to their potential, I know they can shoot better. However, I don't know the other two well enough to judge if they can improve."

Mr. Rylander said atrocious weather conditions for the qualifying round made the difficult par 72 course even tougher.

"There's no doubt it made a difference," he said. "The first day was very windy and the second day was like playing in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean."

Niagara has done very well the past three years in the OCAA tournament. In 1975, the team won the championship, and finished third and second the last two years.

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Niagara lost by only two strokes in 1976 and by seven a year ago, "very slim" margins in a team tournament like this one.

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College gets free 'Y' use

Fitness-seeking students and staff at Niagara College have a chance to do their thing every day of the week at the YMCA.

The college's athletic department has purchased a block of memberships at the Welland branch of the 'Y', 285 East Main St.

"Every year we buy up 25 memberships," Peter Rylander, college athletic director, said. "All a student has to do is show his or her student card and it makes you a member for the time you are there, whether it is 15 minutes or one hour."

The big difference this year is that the memberships are good anytime, and not just once a week as in previous years. However, the memberships, which last until June 9, 1979, may only be used when special classes are not being conducted by the 'Y'.

Need volunteers

The Boys' and Girls' club of Niagara is seeking volunteers who can give a half hour or more per week to assist in swimming, athletics, riflery, crafts woodworking and other activities. Interested persons may call Nora Underhill, at 357-2444 between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. The centre is located at 6681 Culp Street, Niagara Falls.

New frisbee club accepted by SAC

Two new college clubs were officially recognized by the Student Administrative Council (SAC), at the first general meeting.

The Out of Control club, the first frisbee club at Niagara, was recognized by a unanimous vote of SAC members. The club plans to hold a frisbee tournament at the college and compete against other colleges and universities in the province.

The Niagara College Rowing club will compete against universities in Ontario, the first time the college has competed in these regattas. The club is using the facilities of the South Niagara Rowing Club and plans to enter an international regatta in Boston.

The club has been practising at 5 a.m. on the abandoned Welland canal and is the first rowing club organized at Niagara. With rowing popular among area high schools, a good turnout of potential rowers is expected, a club official said.

These and other clubs submitted budgets at the meeting, held Thursday, Sept. 14.

Workshops designed to aid woes of college newcomers

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78/79 men's basketball schedule

The Niagara College men's basketball team, the Knights, will play a 24 game schedule against teams from across Ontario this year. The team will also play exhibition games against D'Youvill College from Buffalo N. Y.
The following is the Knights 1978/79 schedule.

Home games:	Away games
Nov. 2: Conestaga 7 p.m.	Nov. 9: Fanshawe 8 p.m.
Nov. 9: Seneca 7 p.m.	Nov. 17: Centennial 8 p.m.
Nov. 30: Humber 7 p.m.	Nov. 21: Mohawk 8 p.m.
Dec. 8; Northern 7 p.m.	Nov. 24: Cambrian 8 p.m.
Jan. 11: Centennial 7 p.m.	Nov. 25: Northern 2 p.m.
Jan. 18: D'Youville 8 p.m.	Dec. 4: Sheridan 8 p.m.
Jan. 20: Cambrian 3 p.m.	Dec. 6: George Brown 8 p.m.
Jan. 25: Mohawk 7 p.m.	Jan. 15: Conestoga 7 p.m.
Feb. 8: Fanshawe 7 p.m.	Jan. 26: Seneca 8 p.m.
Feb. 15: George Brown 7 p.m.	Jan. 31: Humber 7 p.m.
Feb. 22: Sheridan 7 p.m.	Feb. 3: St. Clair 3 p.m.
	Feb. 13 D'Youville 8 p.m.

The West division finals will be held at Mohawk College March 1, 2, 3 and the All-Ontario championships are at Humber College in Toronto, March 9 and 10.

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SPORTS

Basketball / Hockey

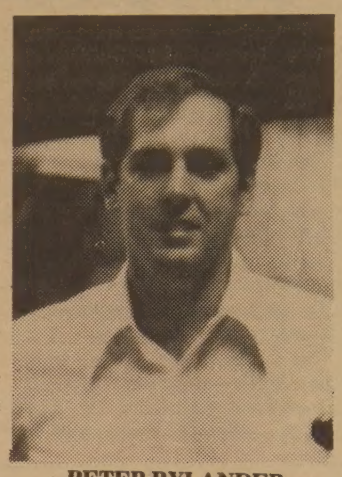
New coach signed for men's basketball

Don Lesco, a Port Colborne high school teacher, has been named the new men's basketball coach at Niagara College.

Mr. Lesco, 33, became the second men's basketball coach in the 11-year history of Niagara College. He replaces athletic director Peter Rylander, who gave up the job because of other commitments.

Mr. Lesco, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, has taught at Port Colborne High School and Lockview Park Secondary School in Port Colborne for the past 12 years. During his teaching career, he has coached football and men's and women's basketball.

Mr. Lesco will still be an English teacher and guidance counsellor at Lockview Park in addition to his coaching duties at Niagara.



PETER RYLANDER

Coached 10 years

Hockey goes international

By ROBERT BRODIE

Niagara College hockey will have an "international flavor" this year as the Knights begin their first year of competition in the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League, which consists mainly of American teams.

Hockey coach Fred Bassi said the Knights, who have played in the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) the past nine years, will add a special flavor to each match they play. "It will create a Canada vs. U.S. rivalry, but on a smaller scale."

Mr. Bassi said the main reasons for changing the leagues were Niagara's lack of competitiveness, the rising expenses of fielding a team, and conflicts with school classes. He also indicated that other Ontario colleges have expressed interest in joining the league.

The Knights will compete in the "A" division, the stronger of the two divisions. It will consist of seven teams including Niagara: Erie Community College, Canisius College, and Buffalo State, all in Buffalo; Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; St. John Fisher University, Rochester, M.Y.; and Gannon College, Erie, Pa.

The "B" division will have five or six teams 'but we won't play them at all unless in the playoffs," Mr. Bassi said.

Six teams will make the playoffs this year: the top four in division "A" and the top two in division "B". In the first round, the third and fourth place teams in division "A" must play the first and second place teams in division "B". Then the winners join the top two finishers in division "A" in a tournament to be held in Buffalo in March for the championships. All games are sudden death.

Mr. Bassi said each team in the league will play 18 games this year. "Everybody plays three games against each team. This year, it works out that we play 10 of those games at home and the rest on the road."

The Knights applied for admission to the league last February.

"It will cut hockey costs down, in fact it has already done so," Mr. Bassi said. "We travelled quite a bit the last two years and the cost of the team was rising. By playing in closer areas we will be able to cut down these costs."

"We will be able to compete on a better scale. I'm not saying we're going to win all of our games, but we will definitely be a lot closer. It will be a better game for people to watch."

Mr. Bassi said the new schedule will also help the players scholastically.

"Most of our games will be on weekends," he said. "If we do travel on weekdays, it is only to Buffalo and we're home by midnight anyway."

"This means there will be no conflict between academics and athletics. We will not miss any school days, which is good."

Many college entries in Oct. tennis series

Niagara College will have representatives in at least four of five events at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association regional tennis tournament, Fred Bassi, athletic assistant at the college, said.

Mr. Bassi, the tennis team coach, said Niagara will have entries in "at least women's singles and doubles, mixed doubles, and men's doubles" from among the 15 students trying to make the team.

"I'm not sure if we will have an entry in men's singles," he said. "This is a tough tournament, and we will have to see if we have anyone with enough experience and ability to be competitive."

Mr. Bassi said Niagara should "do all right" in the regional, to be held at Mohawk College in Hamilton Oct. 13 and 14.

"We should send a doubles team to the Ontario championship, if they live up to their expectations. We also have some hopes in women's singles, but I don't know how well they will do."

Mr. Bassi said he felt St. Clair College, Windsor, and the host Mohawk team should be the co-favorites in the tournament.

"They are the most consistent in our division and should be fighting for the team championship," he said. "Humber (in Toronto) is good about every other year, but after that it's up for grabs."

"Talent also tends to spread itself thin. For example, one year Lambton (in Sarnia) had a great singles player, but that's all they had. They lacked depth."

First and second place finishers in this tournament will qualify for the OCAA championships in Toronto Oct. 20 and 21.

Confessions of weekend biker

SHIRL BINGHAM

By PAUL WILSON

Shirl Bingham, Niagara psychology instructor, might argue with you about the healthy benefits of bicycling.

Mrs. Bingham's latest flirtation with the sport has earned her a wheelchair, a cast and a broken instep.

This past Labor Day weekend she shoved off for a peaceful afternoon bike ride in the vicinity of her Niagara Falls, N.Y., home. Her daughter Tara, 15, and her son Kyle, 10, joined her on the excursion.

Disaster struck shortly, at the entrance of a local mall. The energetic Kyle managed to collide into his mother's bike. The impact sent her tumbling to the concrete.

Mrs. Bingham, who has a nursing background, saw that her foot was rapidly swelling and knew it meant trouble. She dispatched Tara to make the five-minute ride home to get a neighbor and a car.

Passers-by at the mall seemed interested in the scene and Mrs. Bingham found herself "sprawled out on the cement, trying my best to look casual." Help did arrive at last, and the wounded cyclist was taken to Mount St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. Bingham is rather sensitive about falling off her bike. If you see her in the hallway, complete with wheelchair and cast, she may try to tell you how it all happened while she was heroically rescuing her children from their blazing home. Be kind, and don't say a word about the wisdom of training wheels.

Computer goes

A five-year-old boy sleeps serenely where a computer once poured out information. Punch cards have been replaced by coloring books.

The Early Childhood Education centre has expanded into a section of the Brant Annex where a computer facility once was. Renovations make possible the addition of 15 full-day and four part-day children. Full-day cost is $35 per week and part-day cost is $35 per month. There are 124 children registered, 60 full-day and 64 part-day.

Margaret Hamilton, Early Childhood Education co-ordinator, said that beginning in January, a casual day care centre will operate. She said the centre will accommodate about 15 children per day. Cost is expected to be about 60 cents an hour.

Casual day care will be used by visitors coming to the college for short periods of time and to take care of emergency situations. Full-day service is used mostly by the community, faculty and support staff.

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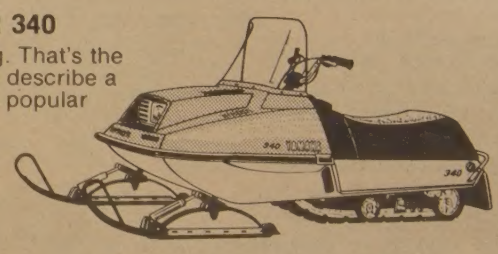

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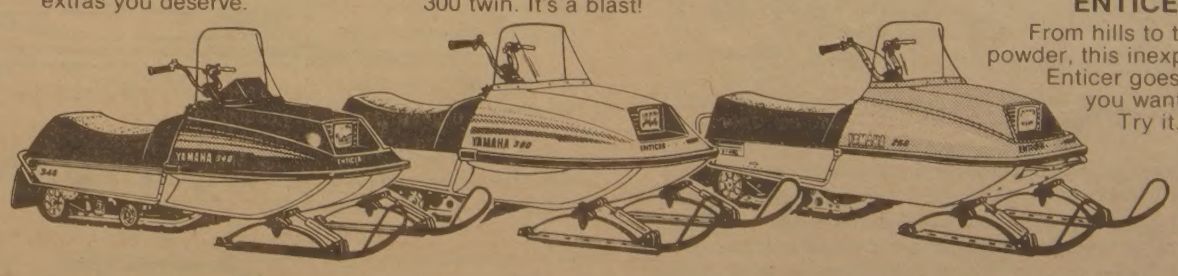

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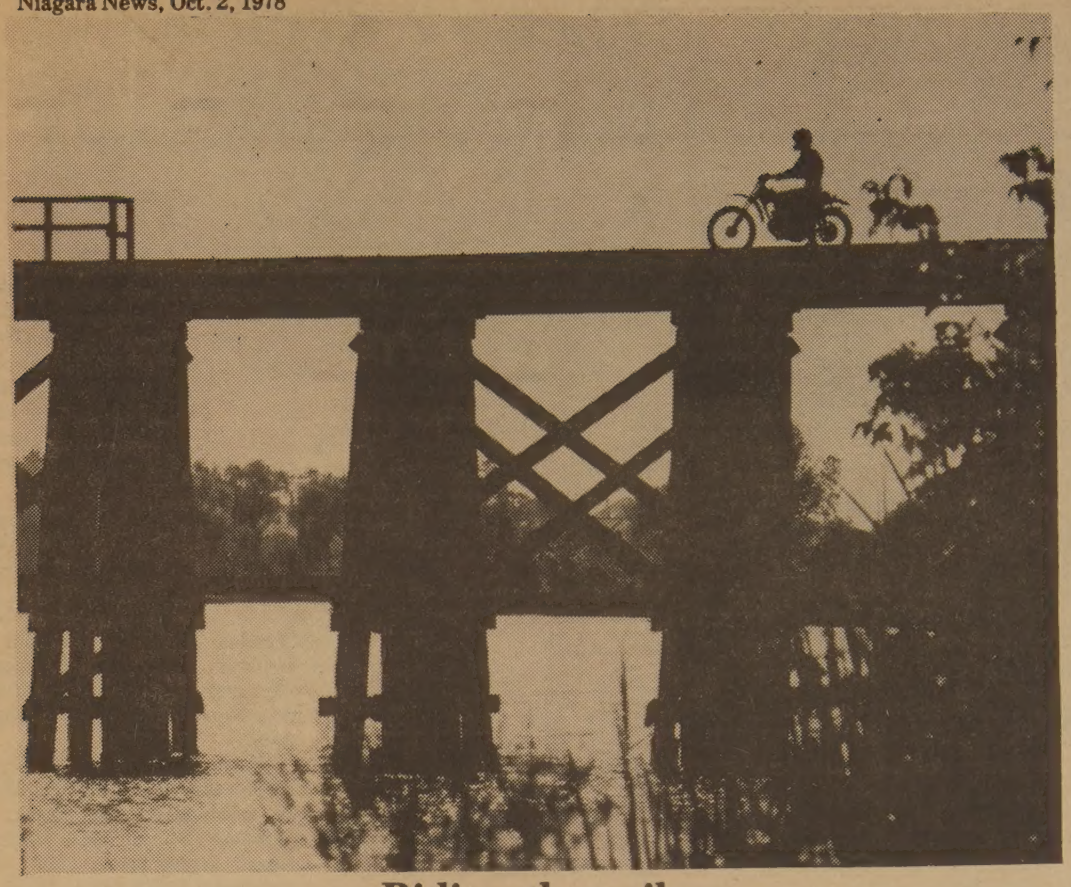

Riding the rails

This silhouetted soul seems precariously close to disaster as he crosses an old railroad bridge over the Welland River. The bumps provided a few anxious moments but all ended well for the cyclist. This bridge provides an alternate route for cyclists or pedestrians who dare to challenge its structure. A mistake could send the traveller into the aquatic murky depths.

(Photo by Righton)

Locker hoarders will be stopped

Locker hoarding, the practice of students taking more than one locker on the main campus, cannot be stopped this year, but another system may be implemented next year.

This was one item on a "long list of student concerns and suggestions" that was discussed at the first President's Student Advisory Committee meeting, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Among other things discussed were a problem with posters being torn down around the main campus, satellite campus difficulties and the extra $10 tuition fee.

Since students work "very hard" making posters only to have them torn down, more bulletin boards may have to be put up to combat this, Miss Robarts said.

The Wellandvale campus representative wanted changes made at the campus to create more office space and the theatre centre representatives brought along list of suggestions to the meeting.

The president will talk to the college treasurer before making any comment on the $10 charge for paying tuition in two instalments.

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Children identify personality when mime hides face

By JUDY SUGA

Harry Maskow is two-faced.

Actually, the mime artist has many faces and characters when he dons paper-mache or leather masks as he did at the Niagara College Theatre Centre Sept. 26.

Mr. Maskow, artistic director and performer in Theatre Beyond Words, taught mime and mask techniques through his own improvisations and having students improvise skits.

"A mask is dead, but it becomes what you put into it," he explained as he changed characters as easily as masks. He was in succession a strong "John Wayne type", a sporty, sexy "cool guy", an old man, and wearing his fourth and extremely long-nosed mask, a scholarly professor and an effeminate "dainty".

Norah Morgan, theatre centre instructor, said the actors were invited to teach mime techniques because "children are visually so strong from watching television, they don't listen."

Members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake company gave workshops from Sept. 23 to Sept. 28 in areas such as pantomime, movement, graphics and rehearsal techniques.

Mr. Maskow said the purpose of the mask is to hide the face and adopt a personality easily identified by movement and posture. Children quickly accept that imaginary character and react as if it were real.

"He's fascinating", one student commented as the artist soundlessly portrayed how various characters would hit a golf ball. The macho man, after arrogantly downgrading his caddy for giving him the wrong club, swung and missed the ball. He changed masks; the "dainty", wrists limp and hips swaying, fled from an irate player he had hit with the ball.

Masked students were then asked to improvise mime skits, some about a doctor and nurses during an operation. Their characters were often queasy, inept, over-bearing or super-effecient.

Mr. Maskow said performing mime and pantomime is a "very draining process physically and emotionally" because much time is spent rehearsing and perfecting each movement until it conveys the exact meaning intended.

"We have performed some skits 300, 400, or 500 times, but we must make each time look like the first, like it's exciting to us."

Mr. Maskow, who studied acting in Paris and has performed throughout France and Germany, said all members of the company have professional training. Musical director and performer Paulette Hallich is a graduate of Niagara's theatre arts program.

The group, comprising two female and four male actors and a stage manager, has performed in theatres, cabarets, festivals and libraries in Canada, and in Europe and Australia. They perform "visual theatre" with or without masks, rehearsing at home from June to September.

In two weeks they will be playing in Montreal, then starting a coast-to-coast tour from the Maritimes. They plan to tour Japan and New Zealand next year, he said.

The company writes its own material, doing skits or a few plays for children, such as the Potato People, a situatuin comedy featuring Swiss carnival masks. Skits are "technically easier", requiring less equipment, and can be easily adjusted or dropped in case an actor is ill, Mr. Maskow said.

The company, known under its present name since January, 1977, was formerly a part of the Canadian Mime Theatre. It also worked for Prologue to Performing Arts, which gives workshops and seminars in schools for those wishing to enter the theatre.

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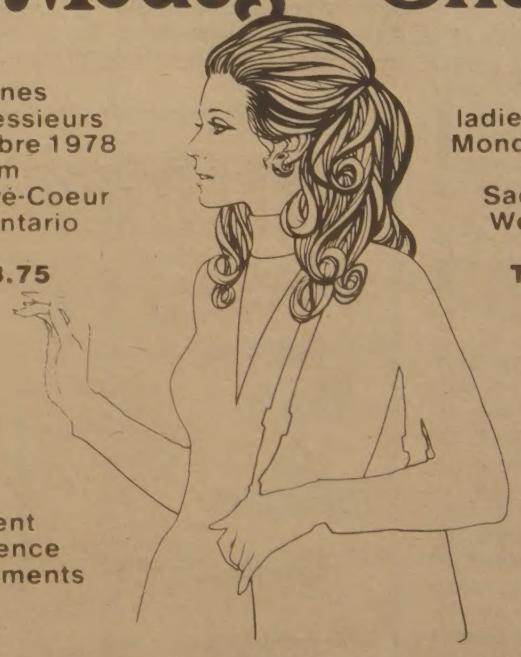
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Theatre depicts language problems

By RON HOLLA

Languages and times may have changed, but the Tower of Babel with a touch of humor lived again Sept. 10 in the Open Circle Theatre's Production of The Primary English Class at Centennial High School, Welland.

Production of the play was assisted by Niagara College Theatre Centre's new technical director, Paul Stoesser, and three theatre students, Will Sutton, Al Helsdon and Kathy Kerr. Mr. Stoesser refurbished the set and was lighting director.

The play, written by Israel Horovitz, shows the difficulties which result when five people who speak different languages come to an English class taught by an inexperienced teacher.

Misunderstandings arise almost immediately as the students - an Italian, a Frenchman, a German, a young Japanese woman and an old Chinese woman - arrive. Confusion abounds as they try to communicate using language dictionaries and hand signals. Each person gets a slightly different meaning than what was actually intended by the speaker.

Their teacher, Debbie Wastba, an inexperienced business administration major, has problems of her own. Not only is she out of touch with her class - at one point she is busy giving her students who do not understand a word she is saying a short history of the English language - but she is in the habit of locking Polish janitors in the ladies room.

Her students make many sincere attempts to understand her, but are continually frustrated by the language barrier and her fear of a maniac in the hallway. One by one, the students come to the conclusion they will not learn anything, and so they leave.

It is ironic that the characters cannot understand each other saying, "No person understands." The frustration is so strong the onlooker feels like shouting, "This is what he is trying to say." But, of course, the words are in English and the characters would not understand.

The actors did a successful job of portraying both the difficulties of communicating over a language barrier and various ethnic stereotypes. Thus the audience is treated to a picture of the romantic Italian, the polite Chinese woman and a teacher as full of WASPish attitudes as a Briton in the Days of the British Empire.

Each actor spoke in a different language with an interpreter on the side translating at key times. This added to the atmosphere of frustration considerably for not only the actors but the audience could not understand what was being said.

Strong acting, a timely message and frustration and humor sprinkled in liberal amounts made The Primary English Class first class.

Fine arts available in general college

Fine arts staff joins behavioral sciences, technology, and humanities this year as one of the options the General College program offers.

Ken Cosgrove, fine arts instructor, said there is a need for the one-year option and it should lay the groundwork for the future.

William Munroe, acting chairman of human development, said the option is definitely running next term, but whether it becomes a two-year option depends on the demand for it and the review of first year. Before an option becomes a college program, the Council of Regents has to approve it.

There are 31 students, full-time and part-time, enrolled in the option, Mr. Munroe said. The colege has the facilities and the response from students and community has been positive.

Four classes are offered this term: life drawing, poster design, lettering, and oil painting. Mr. Cosgrove teaches all four classes. He described the course as "highly intensive," exciting but also demanding time-wise.

The second term of the option will involve life painting from models, free composition and different exercises on the first four classes, he said.

Student opinion was favorable. Ted Chojnicki, a transfer student from graphic arts, said he thought the option was good and switched to fine arts because of his interest in art.

Nick Nastopoulos said they should go far into lettering and poster design which provides job opportunities, and the course "looks interesting."

Alice Ross said the teacher was enthusiastic about getting the proper equipment. She said the course "is disorganized right now because it is a new course," but she is interested.

Previous training in art is not required to take the option. "Ignorance is my best friend," Mr. Cosgrove said. "Everybody has some artistic talent, it is just a matter of tapping it."

Life drawing will be the hub of the option," Mr. Cosgrove said, while oil painting, once the basics are learned, will provide a creative outlet for students. The lettering and poster design classes are important to one another. The ability to understand and handle them is necessary in the design industry, he said.

Job opportunities have not been looked into, but Mr. Cosgrove said he knows they are there. Possibilities include advertising, lettering for designers, craft teaching through continuing education and teaching of the handicapped, he said. The program could also lead to further art education.

Mr. Cosgrove studied architecture for five years in Glasgow, Scotland, and attended the Dundee School of Art. He has been at Niagara College since it opened in 1968. He formed the Graphic department with C. Vandenvelde (no longer at the college) and has taught a variety of subjects.

Atlas Steel celebrates 50th

About 400 people were scheduled to gather in Manera Court Sept. 28, for a reception in honor of Atlas Steels golden anniversary.

The guests invited include major mill customers and suppliers of Atlas Steel and local civic officials, Gerry Brammall, of Atlas Steels, said.

Allen Warr, vice president and general manager of the company was asked to address the group before a luncheon in the college cafeteria.

The guests were invited to visit the new $26 million melt shop as part of the anniversary celebration, Mr. Brammall said.

The plant was also scheduled to be open to employees, their families and friends.

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Mack nursing centre's fate remains in region's hands

The fate of the Mack Centre of Nursing Education in St. Catharines remains undecided. Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, and Lois Millar, chairman of nursing education, indicate that regional government is no closer to a decision now than last spring.

The centre is one of Niagara College's satellite campuses where about 256 students are trained as registered nurses. The Queenston Street buildings are being considered as a possible site for the new headquarters of regional government. Although locations throughout the peninsula are also being studied, no decision has been reached.

As a result, the Centre and Niagara College are operating on the assumption the school will remain in the present facilities at least until the end of this academic year.

Both Mr. Habermehl and Miss Millar expressed the hope no move will have to be made before next July.

However, last August, the administrator of the St. Catharines General Hospital indicated to the Council of Regents that Niagara College had ample space to house the transfer if it occurred. The college quickly replied to the ministry of colleges and universities that there is insufficient space on the Welland campus and the recently vacated premises in Niagara Falls are also unsuitable to accommodate the nursing program needs.

Concern over regional government's decision began when Mr. Habermehl received from the hospital notice of termination of Mack's lease effective Dec. 31, 1978.

The Niagara Falls Nursing School was closed in July for economic reasons and staff and students were amalgamated with those of the Mack Centre. The two schools had been affiliated with Niagara College since 1973.

The original Niagara Falls graduating class of two students was trained in the old Jepson Street hospital in 1907. The present school contained teaching facilities and a residence located behind the new hospital. The residence was discontinued in 1973 when living off campus became more economical. Greater Niagara General Hospital continues to be used for clinical experience sessions.

Suggestions the facilities might be used for the nursing program if the Mack Centre closed are not under serious consideration since extensive construction is necessary to bring the buildings to working capacity.

"What do you mean you want your cookie back," is probably what this child is thinking. If he doesn't watch himself, he just may have to be taken to the restorative dental clinic that starts at Niagara Oct. 23.
(Photo by Koziello)

Dental clinic provides fillings for $3 to $5

A restorative work clinic providing dental fillings will start for the first time at Niagara College Oct. 23, Barbara Zaritsky, program co-ordinator for dental assistants and hygiene, said.

The six-week clinic, will be open to anyone. Four dentists will be at the clinic in room 310 in the Simcoe building four times a week, Dina Lacey, clinical technician, said. First-year dental assistant students will get chairside experience by assisting them.

In addition, a cleaning clinic is provided by hygiene students starting Oct. 17; it is open to children over five years of age in the Niagara peninsula. The cleaning clinic is restricted to children until the new year, when students and public can attend.

There is no fee for attending the cleaning clinic. Second year hygiene student gain practice in cleaning children's teeth and giving hygiene instruction, Mrs. Lacey said. There may be a small charge of $3 to $5 per filling at the restorative clinic. The dentists will do all the work in the mouth since a licence is needed to do it, she said.

Three years ago one dentist worked half a day per week on restorative work, Mrs. Zaritsky said. The dental assistants did not work with the dentist then.

Other services provided at the clinic besides cleaning and filing teeth are instruction in oral hygiene, x-rays, mouthguards, and examinations, Mrs. Lacey said.

The cleaning clinic has been offered for the past two years, since the hygiene program was started, Mrs. Zaritsky said.

Last year 490 children attended the clinic from October to December and 480 students attended from January to March. Mrs Lacey said students will have first priority for the restorative clinic this term and cleaning clinic in January. The restorative clinic will not be offered next term, Mrs. Zaritsky said.

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Six join health staff

Six new teachers have joined the staffs of the dental program, continuing education, and Mack Centre for Nursing Education within the school of health sciences.

Four new teachers in the dental program on the third floor of the Simcoe building are: Susan Tomczuk, clinincal technician and teacher; Dina Lacey, clinical technician and teacher; Kathy Walker, part-time teacher, and Muriel Copeland, part-time teacher.

Priscilla Bowler has joined the Mack Centre for Nursing Education at the St. Catharines campus as a teacher of neurological nursing.

Len Fabiano in Continuing Education teaches Team Nursing 1 on Tuesday evenings at the Welland main campus.

Ligament torn in fall

A torn ligament in her foot is almost healed and Gail Hilyer will be able to run again soon.

Ms Hilyer, chairperson of applied arts extension division, fell victim to the injury after tripping in a pothole between the Black Walnut and MacKenzie buildings.

After brief stints on crutches and with a cane, Ms Hilyer is walking on her own two feet and says she is almost back to normal.

Kerr urges students to give blood

One average unit of blood must be collected every 15 seconds of every working day to maintain an adequate supply of whole blood and blood products, Marian Kerr, college nurse, said.

Mrs. Kerr urges students to take part in the blood donor clinic to be held in front of the library Oct. 12.

Those who need blood donations include newborn babies, hemophiliacs, anemia and leukemia patients, accident victims and those with severe burns.

The Rh factor is important in blood grouping. Rh positive factor is present in blood of 85 per cent of Canadians while 15 per cent have Rh negative.

In four per cent of pregnancies the mother has Rh negative, the father Rh positive which results in the newborn having Rh positive.

This may cause a production of antibodies in the mother's blood which could destroy the child's positive cells, resulting in anemia, Mrs. Kerr said. The anemic newborn will require a blood replacement.

Hemophilia is an inherited disease caused by lack of blood clotting. Hemophiliacs or "bleeders" can be helped by a blood componenet, cryoprecipitate, derived from fresh plasma through freezing.

In severe cases of anemia, the heart is weakened due to a small number of blood cells carrying oxygen. Plasma removed from the concentrated red cells can be used for treatment of anemia. The concentrated red cells are also useful for those with liver and kidney conditions.

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Niagara is swinging to first jazz course

The age of swing may have passed but TV Studio 1 is swinging Wednesday nights to the sound of Niagara College's first jazz course.

Jazz Band, a 10-week continuing education course, is taught by Jim Howard, a jazz instructor at Mohawk College, and offers experienced jazz players an opportunity to play different styles of jazz.

Students are selected after going through auditions to determine their ability to read and play music.

"The students will be studying the styles of Buddie Rich, Stan Kenton and others," Mr. Howard said. He would like to introduce "a big band concept" at Niagara, on the scale of the Mohawk Jazz Band, of which he is director. The Mohawk band has appeared on local and nationwide television and won a number of awards.

"I am trying to get the same idea going around here," he said.

Fifteen people are registered in the course and Mr. Howard is optimistic about jazz at Niagara. He said he was pleased with the first rehearsal and said he will have the students "whipped into shape enough" by Christmas to put on a two-hour concert.

LOOKING FOR HORNS

"For sure we will be looking for players, especially horns," he said. The band course already has a rhythm section consisting of guitar, piano, bass and drums which, he said, was the nucleus of a good band.

Mr. Howard is no stranger to jazz. He was a student and then an instructor in jazz at Berklee School of Music in Boston. He was in charge of Music Education at Yamaha Corporation, Hamilton, before being asked to start a band at Mohawk.

Asked if jazz is dead, Mr. Howard said it is still alive and well.

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